

CHESIDS ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

In Nigeria, preventable sickness and deaths continue to claim the lives of women and children, posing significant public health challenges. At Centre for Health Systems Support and Initiatives for Development (CHESIDS), we are committed to ending preventable deaths and increasing youth participation in health and development, while supporting resilient and sustainable health systems. Through our programs, we have provided disease preventable vaccines to women, girls and children, and equipped young public health professionals with integrative learning experiences and real-world skills.

Despite financial constraints, CHESIDS has made significant progress in improving public health outcomes in Nigeria by tooling and creating opportunities for young public health professionals, thereby contributing to the overall strength and effectiveness of the Nigeria public health workforce. Our programs have also increased HPV vaccine coverage rates among young girls (9-15). With continued support from our partners, stakeholders and donors, we will continue to make positive impact and empower communities to prevent and respond to public health challenges in Nigeria



From 2021 to date our community of supporters enabled us to reach the following milestones:

- **6** cohorts of The Next Hundred Public Health Stewards (TNH-PHS) trained. [Link to project report](#)
- **83.3%** of trained TNH-PHS immersed with partner organizations for field experience.
- **84.6%** of the immersed stewards have been gainfully employed in the public health sector.
- **34** opportunities created (including networking, leadership and professional development, mentorship etc) created for TNH-PHS.
- Expanded our partner base to include TA Connect, NOI Polls, VNDC, Nigeria Health Watch, SCIDaR, and ARC-ESM.
- Established TNH PHS Alumni Network in December 2022.
- Conducted **9** successful conversations with public health leaders. The videos serve as instructional materials during the steward's orientation program and are also shared on our social media pages for public consumption. [Click this.](#)
- **20** girls aged 9-15 reached with HPV vaccine in Benue state. Link to the project report: [HPV vaccine project newsletter](#)



OUR PROGRAMS

- **The Next Hundred Public Health Stewardship Program:** A total of 44 (31 female and 13 male) public health stewards have undergone orientation and immersion on TNH-PHS program. It is a 3-day orientation, followed by a 3-month immersive experience with partner organizations. Stewards have also been linked to 34 opportunities for networking, leadership and professional development. [Link to project report.](#)
- **The Next Hundred Conversations with Public Health Leaders across Africa:** Through this video interview series, CHESIDS had insightful discussions with nine accomplished public health leaders across the continent. These valuable interviews are used on our social media channels to educate, motivate and inspire the next generation of public health enthusiasts.
- **The Next Hundred girls receiving HPV Vaccine:** In January 2023, CHESIDS collaborated with WOHEPI, our Benue-based partner, to vaccinate 20 young girls aged 9-15 with the HPV vaccine. The first dose was administered in January, and the second dose will be administered in July. [Link to project report.](#)
- **The Next Hundred Street Voices:** In May 2022, CHESIDS conducted a Vox-pop in Zuba, Abuja, gathering the opinions of random youths on their experiences with accessing sexual reproductive health services. Majority of the respondents believe that they were treated differently because of their age. They called on healthcare workers to be open-minded and professional when providing sexual reproductive health services to young people. [Link to the Vox Pop.](#)
- **CHESIDS Structured Giving program “Giving Back Initiative”:** The Giving Back Initiative is designed to structure your support to the needy for maximum impact. In April 2023 CHESIDS entered into a partnership with a philanthropist Nneka Usifo to raise and manage funds raised for Cedric Egba, a Lagos-based young father of three kids who was recently diagnosed with a rare malignant tumor in his left parotid gland (pleomorphic adenoma).

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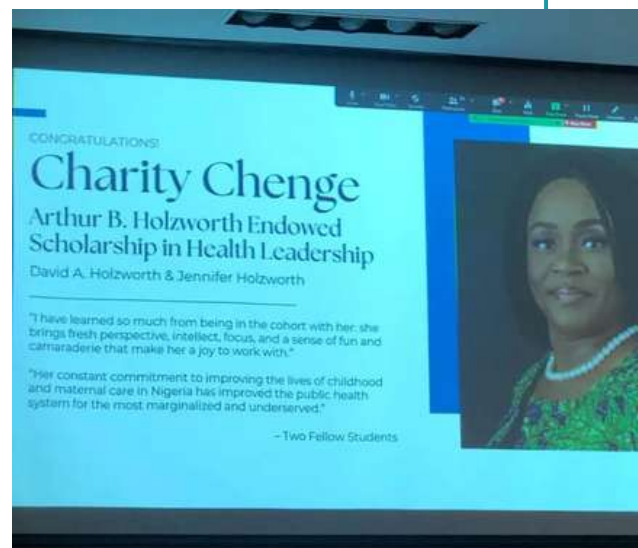
Learn more about The Next Hundred Initiative here:
<https://chesids.org/our-approach-models#tnh>

2023 ARTHUR B. HOLZWORTH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



We are thrilled to announce that our co-founder, Dr Charity Chenge has been honored with the prestigious 2023 Arthur B. Holzworth Endowed Scholarship in Health Leadership.

Dr Chenge's visionary leadership has propelled CHESIDS to new heights, addressing critical public health challenges and empowering the next generation of public health professionals.

Her actions inspire us to keep creating transformative change and fostering a healthier future for all!!



COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

- **Social Media:** CHESIDS has increasingly leveraged social media to reach our target audience with information, and opportunities as well as showcase our programs. Connect with us on social media via  
- **Newsletters:** We launched a quarterly newsletter in March 2023 to keep our partners, beneficiaries and stakeholders updated of our activities. [link to newsletter](#)

Hear what some of our beneficiaries have to say



Janet Joseph Abah

"This internship through Chesids has given me an opportunity to meet wonderful people, impact lives and learn in the process."



Olaoluwa Olatunde

"My internship has given me the opportunity to work with the research and data analysis team. It has been a wonderful experience."



Gloria Ichoja Aiyebogun

"My internship experience has taught me that It is important to reach out to as many people and has exposed me to many opportunites in the public health space."



Quadri Yusuff

"I am excited to continue learning. I am grateful to CHESIDS for providing me with the opportunity to further develop my skills in public health and expand my career horizons in this field"

MEET OUR TEAM

~ People Behind the Brand ~



Ashifa Agede
Program Coordinator

My role at CHESIDS allows me to coordinate initiatives that address the healthcare needs of women, girls, and children. So I take pride in my work, knowing that it contributes to improving the systems that serve these groups and fostering healthier communities.



Edith Utaka
Program Officer

Working as a Program Officer at CHESIDS has been a rewarding experience, seeing how I am able to apply my knowledge and skills to make significant impacts in the lives of people



Oluwapamilerin Oluwajuyigbe
Operations and Programs Associate

Working as the Operations and Programs Associate in CHESIDS has been equally challenging and rewarding, I do not take my experience here for granted



Oluwayemisi Adeyemi
Finance and Account Assistant

Working as the finance and accounts assistant at CHESIDS has provided me with valuable opportunities to immerse myself in the public health field, and contribute meaningfully to the organization



Kindness Yakubu
Intern

I am proud to intern for an organization that is committed to making a positive impact. Through this internship, I have gained valuable insight into how a nonprofit organization operates and it has given me practical career experience.



Mercy John
Program Assistant

I have always been interested in working with people and assisting them in reaching their goals. I enjoy working with a team to develop and implement programs that positively impact others' lives

PARTNERSHIPS

Our strategic partnerships have yielded remarkable outcomes in facilitating the immersion of our stewards into Nigeria's public health sector.

By expanding our network of immersion partners, we have reduced the lag period between orientation and immersion.

Some partners have offered employment to our stewards, while others have extended immersion periods beyond three months. These partnerships provide practical exposure for our stewards and we are grateful for the invaluable support of our esteemed partners in shaping a brighter future in the public health sector. Here are some of our partners

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Testimonial from one of our partners

"The interns have been exceptional in their work ethics. They are thoroughly teachable and passionate to contribute. I also love their daring spirits to take on difficult tasks, asking questions all the way.

Recently they delivered policy document presentations on pressing public health challenges in Nigeria namely; HPV management, GBV response and NTDs control. This exercise, brilliantly delivered with minimal corrections, endeared them to the CEO.

We're currently assisting to sharpen their problem-solving and business case/proposal development skills.

Over all, it's been interesting and it's a pleasure working with you to build them up in the public health sector."

**Olympus Ade-banjo
R&D Dir. VNDC**

Watch Out for our Upcoming programs!

- **June 2023: The First TNH-PHS Alumni community project with support from CHESIDS**
- **July 2023: Cohort 7 of TNH- PHS Program**
- **July 2023: 2nd dose on TNH young Girls receiving HPV vaccines**

Thank you!!!

